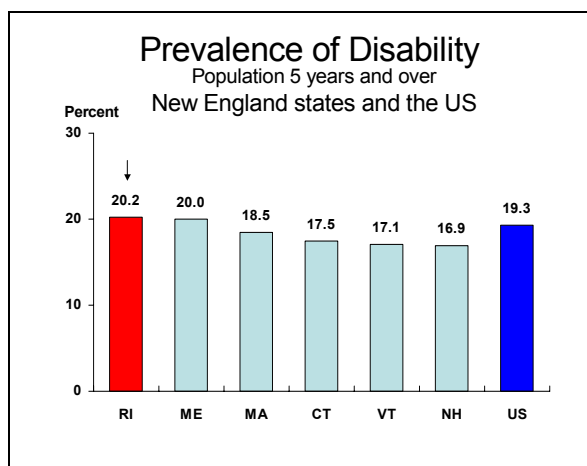
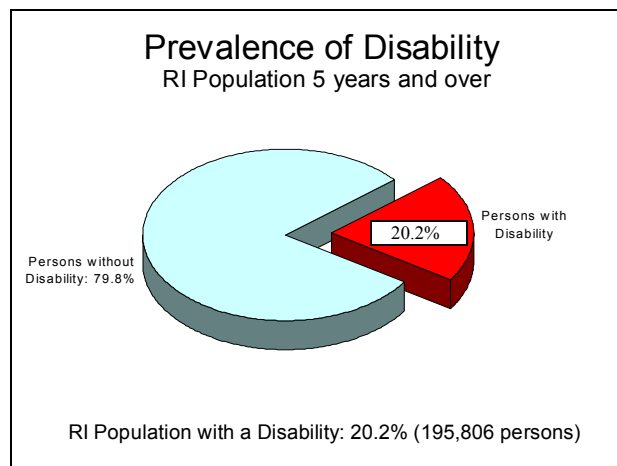


Rhode Island has the highest disability rates among New England states¹

One in five (20.2%) Rhode Island civilian noninstitutionalized population 5 years old and over was classified as having some type of disability according to the 2000 Census data. The number of persons having a disability was 195,806. Rhode Island had the highest disability rates among New England states and above the national average (Figures below).

Disability rates varied considerably among cities and towns, ranging from 12.7% in Narragansett to 29.7% in Central Falls (see reverse page).



DEFINITION OF DISABILITY

People 5 years old and over are considered to have a disability if they have one or more of the following: (a) blindness, deafness, or a severe vision or hearing impairment; (b) a substantial limitation in the ability to perform basic physical activities, such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying; (c) difficulty learning, remembering, or concentrating; or (d) difficulty dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home.

In addition to the above criteria, people 16 years old and over are considered to have a disability if they have difficulty going outside the home alone to shop or visit the doctor's office, and people 16-64 years old are considered to have a disability if they have difficulty working at a job or business.

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For More Information, go to the Rhode Island Disability and Health Program:

www.health.ri.gov/family/disability/home.htm or

Contact Hanna Kim, PhD: hannak@doh.state.ri.us or (401) 222-4607 (RI Relay 711)

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Disability Prevalence by City/Town

RI Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population
5 years old and over

City/Town	Civilian noninstitutionalized population 5 years and over: Total	Civilian noninstitutionalized population 5 years and over: With a disability	% Disability
Barrington	15,818	2,187	13.8
Bristol	20,802	4,008	19.3
Burrillville	14,547	2,921	20.1
Central Falls	16,835	5,005	29.7
Charlestown	7,364	1,262	17.1
Coventry	31,071	5,697	18.3
Cranston	70,988	14,944	21.1
Cumberland	29,586	5,339	18.0
East Greenwich	12,183	1,761	14.5
East Providence	45,410	9,970	22.0
Exeter	5,457	837	15.3
Foster	4,048	649	16.0
Glocester	9,365	1,845	19.7
Hopkinton	7,309	1,359	18.6
Jamestown	5,390	851	15.8
Johnston	26,167	5,125	19.6
Lincoln	19,607	3,418	17.4
Little Compton	3,416	527	15.4
Middletown	14,992	2,547	17.0
Narragansett	15,698	1,988	12.7
New Shoreham	945	262	27.7
Newport	23,111	4,046	17.5
North Kingstown	24,226	3,539	14.6
North Providence	30,681	6,639	21.6
North Smithfield	9,770	1,821	18.6
Pawtucket	67,580	17,483	25.9
Portsmouth	15,757	2,778	17.6
Providence	160,113	36,926	23.1
Richmond	6,631	887	13.4
Scituate	9,659	1,427	14.8
Smithfield	19,077	3,020	15.8
South Kingstown	26,208	4,038	15.4
Tiverton	14,437	2,747	19.0
Warren	10,510	2,162	20.6
Warwick	80,247	15,652	19.5
West Greenwich	4,688	613	13.1
West Warwick	27,457	5,589	20.4
Westerly	21,250	3,636	17.1
Woonsocket	39,157	10,301	26.3
Rhode Island	967,557	195,806	20.2

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) – Rhode Island

¹ Taubman Center for Public Health, Brown University, “The Disabled Population in Rhode Island.”

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